

REMARKS

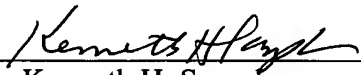
Claims 40-49 are pending in the above-captioned application for examination. Claims 47-49 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicants note with appreciation the determination that claims 40-46 are allowable.

Applicants have cancelled claims 47-49 which have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,903,226 issued to Suman et al. The examiner further believes that the application contains two different inventive subject matters, one being the allowed claims 40-46 and the other being rejected claims 47-49. Since Applicants have cancelled claims 47-49, which leaves only the allowed claims 40-46 in the application, the application should now be in condition for allowance. Applicants intend to file a divisional application to cover the subject matter of cancelled claims 47-49.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance as to claims 40-46. Accompanying this Response is an Amendment Transmittal and a Petition for Extension of Time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this matter, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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